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1. The 45 Division of the North Korean III Corps, known as the 696 Army Unit, is commanded by Major General CH'OE Pyong-hak. Senior Colonel YI Myong-san is political deputy commander. On 2 April the division command post was at approximately 128-10, 38-25 (DT-275535). The 45 Division comprises the following regiments:

Headquarters.

89 Regiment, the 703 Army Unit, commanded by Colonel KIM Ch'on-won<sup>1</sup>. The command post is at approximately 128-10, 38-24 (DT-281516).

90 Regiment, the 704 Army Unit, commanded by Colonel CH'OE Chu-won. The command post is at approximately 128-09, 38-24 (DT-265514).

91 Regiment, the 705 Army Unit, commanded by Colonel CHI Ki-son. The command post is at approximately 128-10, 38-25 (DT-272535).

Artillery Regiment<sup>2</sup>, the 815 Army Unit. The command post is at approximately 128-06, 38-24 (DT-223508).

2. The division has a strength of 8,400 of which 40 percent are recruits and 60 percent are veterans.
3. The division is equipped with 200 heavy machine guns, 30 x 25-mm. anti-aircraft guns, 56 x 82-mm. mortars, and 25 x 76-mm. low trajectory guns<sup>3</sup>.
4. The troops receive one kilogram of grain daily of which 50 percent is rice. Pork or mutton is issued about twice weekly and soup with vegetables or a malt ration are issued frequently.

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5. Sixty percent of the soldiers are South Koreans. Their morale is low because of the prolonged truce talks, and their fighting ability is poor.

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1.  Comment. According to information available to this office as of 8 January 1951 KIM Ch'ol-won was commander of the 89 Regiment.

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2.  Comment. This is probably the 45 Artillery Regiment.

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3.  Comment. Probably 76-mm. gun howitzers.

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